



# Christ Church CofE Primary School Newsletter

11th March 2022



We are so proud of Eva, who has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust after growing it for years!

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

I am sure you will all agree she really suits her new hairstyle. Well done Eva.

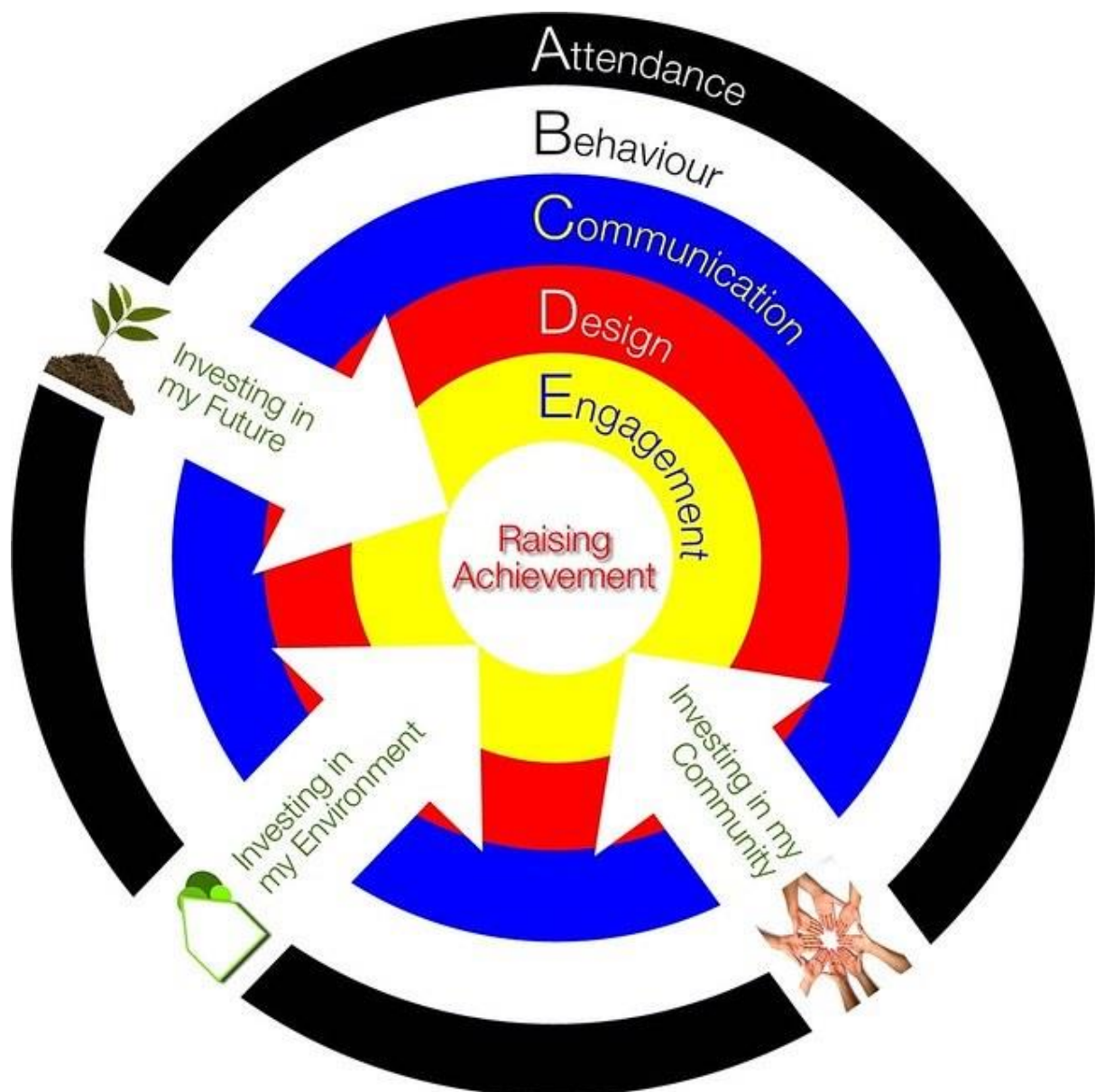
## Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will be week commencing the 4th April. Next week you will receive a link via the text messaging service to book an appointment.

We have taken on board all of the comments and preferences that you shared in our survey about parents evening. You will be able to book either a face to face appointment in school, a telephone appointment or an appointment using Microsoft teams. When you choose your time if you put in the comments which method you would prefer and we will ensure that your chosen method is accommodated.

If, when you receive the appointment booking text, you are unable to attend any of them. Please contact school and we will ensure that we can give you a suitable appointment at another time.

## Attendance



At the beginning of the month the government released guidance to support schools in improving school attendance. The guidance is very clear and supports what we already do in school to work with families of children who fall in the persistently absent category. I will share more information regarding attendance next week.

## Playtimes

As you saw staff and volunteers worked really hard during lockdown to improve the resources that the children have to use during playtimes. I thought that I could take this opportunity to provide you with further information about how playtimes work and share some of our future plans.

We are really lucky to have such a lovely outside space, which includes the trees and climbing equipment, that the children can enjoy. The playground, its equipment and the trees are all risk assessed annually to ensure their safety. We do have items that are getting older and that received damage during the recent storms, although these have been inspected and are safe to use, we do have a plan in place to ensure that any minor maintenance and aesthetic work is to be carried out during the holidays when the weather is better.

All monies raised by the Friends of Christ Church through their hard work at valentines day will go to the improvement of the playground.

When the playground equipment was put in, each age group was given their own area with age appropriate equipment in it. At home times and before school we often have children playing on equipment that are not within the appropriate age range. The castle in the Key Stage 2 yard is designed for children in year 4-6, and the pirate ship and trim trail are designed for children in year 1-3. Can we please ask that after collecting your child at home time you do not stay and play on the equipment.

## Every Resident a Reader



An Opportunity available now to support families who would like to work to improve literacy skills. I would love to work with any families who would like to take part.

This Covid recovery funded project matches up trained volunteers with parents/ carers who may wish to improve their reading:

- To access official documentation
- To support their children or grandchildren with reading
- For the wider mental and well-being benefits of reading for pleasure

I can work with families to organise a time and venue that would be mutually arranged to suit parents/carers and volunteers in public spaces such as libraries, community centres and/or possibly within school.

**Please contact Kerry Clegg on [ERAR@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:ERAR@northtyneside.gov.uk) for further details or visit [erar.org.uk](http://erar.org.uk) or contact school and we can support you.**

Dates for the diary-

Science Day- 15th March - children will be looking at science activities in class and across the school

Red Nose Day - March 18th- which teacher would you like to gunge??? sponsored gunge event- further details to follow.

Coffee Morning 9am in the school hall - March 11th all are welcome to meet Betty and discuss mental health within school or just have a coffee and a biscuit!

Parents Evening- 6th April 2022 choice of telephone, face to face or virtual appointments

Thursday 7th April- Decorate an egg competition with Easter egg prizes

Thursday 7th April- Year 4 Badminton Competition

Breakup for Easter Holidays - Friday 8th April

School opens for the Summer Term- Tuesday 26th April

School will be closed on Friday 20th May for the Queens Jubilee

Finally, thank you to all that attended this mornings coffee morning. You had some fantastic ideas and we are really hoping that we can work together to improve school for everyone- parents and children.

Thank you

Mrs. Bradford